Rehabilitation of Pong Dam oustees

2636. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of ENERGY by pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of persons rendered displaced who had sacrificed their holdings to pave the way for the construction of Pong Dam hydel project in district Kangra in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the names of States where these Pong Dam oustees were to be rehabilitated;

(c) how many of these oustees have so far been resettled in various States;'

(d) what are the reasons for which all the oustees could not be resettled even after fifteen years; and

(e) whether Government are issuing certain guidelines to the States for their resettlement and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) About 30,000 families were affected on account of acquisition of land for the construction of Pong Dam in Himachal Pradesh.

(b) According to the decision taken by a Committee consisting of the Chief Ministers of Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana, the eligible oustees were to be rehabilitated in the State, of Rajasthan.

(c) and (d) Out of 30,000 families, only 16106 families were identified as *bonafide* oustees eligible for allotment of land in Rajasthan area. 9195 applicants have been allotted land out of which 4922 persons have taken over the possession of land so far. 6575 applications for allotment of land were cancelled as they did not take possession of land in Rajasthan. After 13-9-81, there was a Memorandum of Understanding under which legitimate cases were again taken up. At present 3778 applications are pending for various reasons which *inter-alia* include stay orders of Courts, encroachments on land and . demand for exchange of lands from command area to un-command area.

(e) The progress of the resettlement of Pong Dam Oustees is reviewed by a committee in which the representatives from Government of Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Beas Construction Board alto participate.

World Bank aid for rural electriflcation

2637. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount so far received from World Bank for rural electrification in the country;

(b) the extent to which the rural electrification has been made by utilising the funds given by the World Bank;

(c) the States where the rural electrification was done utilising this fund from the World Bank; and

(d) whether any efforts have been made to ascertain the proper utilisation of the World Bank funds and if so, what are the details in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) (b) Out of a sanctioned World Bank credit of US $ 536.5 million, an amount of US $ 396.061 million has so far been utilised for the purchase of specified materials for the rural electrification programme in the country covering village electrification and pumpset energisation.

(c) States which utilised World Bank assistance for rural electrification are Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Keraia, Madhya